- provide insitutional support to the victims of violence
- ensure wider recruitment of women police officers and
- train police personnel in special laws dealing with atrocities against women
- setting up of Fast Track Courts
- setting up of Family Courts
  - ➢ redressal of grievances through interventions of National and State Commissions for Women.
  - ➢ sensitization of judiciary and police and civil administration on gender issues.
  - ➢ follows up of efforts of cases of atrocities against women received from various sources, including NCW, with concerned authorities in the Central and the State Government.
  - ➢ setting up of helplines for women in distress
  - ➢ implementation of schemes for (i) awareness generation and advocacy and (ii) economic empowerment of women through the programmes of Rashtriya Mahila Kosh, Swashakti Project, Swayamsidha Project, Swawlamban Programme and Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP)
  - ➢ organizing Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Camps.

Literacy rate

2015. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the literacy rate in the country;

(b) the lowest and highest literacy State of the country according to the latest report; and

(c) the efforts made by his Ministry to improve the literacy of the masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the 2001 census, the literacy rate in the country was 64.8%. Kerala has the highest literacy rate and Bihar has the lowest literacy rate in the country.

(c) The universalisation of elementary education and eradication of adult illiteracy form the two-pronged strategy for improving the literacy rate of the country. In the elementary education sector, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been launched with a holistic and convergent approach to implement Universalisation of Elementary Education in a mission mode with the district focus. The goals of SSA are:-

- All Children in School, Education Guarantee Centre, Alternate School, 'Back-to-School' camp by 2003.
- All children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007.
- All children complete eight years of elementary schooling by 2010.
- Focus on elementary education for satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life.
- Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage by 2007 and at elementary education level by 2010.
- Universal retention by 2010.

The National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims to provide functional literacy to non-literates in 15—35 age group. The thrust areas of NLM are improving female literacy in low female literacy areas, to organize residual illiteracy projects in areas, which have substantial number of illiterates, and to set up continuing education centres for providing opportunities for life long learning to the neo-literates.

Promotion and development of management education

2016. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to divest AICTE of the responsibility relating to regulation grant of approval and recognition of management courses;